GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3223
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ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the estimated number of EVMs required for holding general elections in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to procure more EVMs during 2008-2009;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the expenditure likely to be incurred on procurement of EVMs during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE(SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) As of now, there is no shortage of EVMs in the Country.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Approx 13.61akhs EVMs.

(d) & (e) The Commission has placed an order for purchase of 1.80 lakhs more EVMs during 2008-09, the supply of which has already started.

(f) The expenditure for procurement of 1.80 lakhs of EVMs during the current financial year will be Rs.190 crores.